



2015 Clean Water Indiana Grant Program

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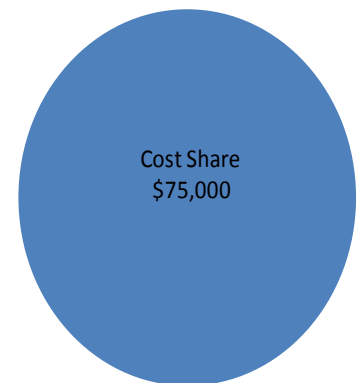


LEAD DISTRICT: HENDRICKS
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS:
MORGAN, OWEN, PUTNAM
PROJECT NAME: UPPER MILL CREEK
WATERSHED INITIATIVE
PROJECT DATES: 5/1/2015-4/30/2017
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$75,000

Purpose: Adopt best management practices

The Upper Mill Creek Watershed Initiative aims to assist landowners and agricultural producers to adopt best management practices through CWI cost-share/incentive assistance and other partnering projects that will help to improve soil & water quality and to alleviate excessive surface water resource concerns. The focus area for this project is the Upper Mill Creek Watershed (HUC #0512020305) located in west central Indiana in portions of Hendricks, Putnam, Morgan and Owen Counties. Agriculture and forest lands make up over ninety percent of the watershed according to the Nation Land Cover Database 2006. Through this project the Hendricks, Putnam, Morgan, and Owen County SWCDs plan to partner with Depauw University, the Indiana On Farm Network, and Hendricks County Commissioners & Drainage Board to leverage financial, technical, and public outreach resources in the watershed.

PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY, ON FARM
NETWORK, HENDRICKS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS & DRAINAGE BOARD



Depauw University will provide water quality testing for nitrate, nitrite, phosphate, and ammonium.

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2015, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 14 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,020,900. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).